

shall be glad to do it for you, if  
you will say what you wish.

I am now fairly embarked on  
my work of revision for the big Index,  
& I find the mass of misstatements which  
have got about a terrible pest. There is  
nothing which would be more acceptable  
than a digest of H.A. Celsus for the  
Incomplette Monocots; Gray's Manual  
does not pretend to sweep up all like  
his Synoptic Flora. Is there any chance  
of the Bibliography being continued  
under your supervision? Anyhow, I  
fear it will be too late for my needs.

Wishing you every good wish for  
the New Year,

I am, My dear Sir

Yours faithfully

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My dear Sir,

I take your questions  
as they come in order. You can  
have the numbers of our Journal  
sent by post as soon as published  
and an account rendered every  
six months; the most direct  
& simple method. As the numbers  
are irregular in issue and amount  
there is no subscription price fixed.

*Spergularia* was first published  
by the brothers Presl in their *Flora  
Cecchiensis* (1815) as *Persona* only  
definitely used it as a section, his  
species under it being numbered  
continuously from *Arenaria*.  
I have ventured to ascribe  
*Lepizomum* to Fries, on the strength

of his words, (quoting from memory)  
"peculiare genus", fossan dicendum  
Lepigonium". Wahlenberg in his  
Flora Gothob. cites Spergularia rubra  
I find that I cannot trust Fries  
in his citations, as he is quite careless  
about the absolute identity of the  
value of his forms, & even, the author  
may describe the plant as a variety,  
& Fries will often cite it as a species,  
or under another genus.

But here we enter into a  
new difficulty. Adanson in 1763  
published two genera, ranking next  
to Spergula, Frisia and Buda,  
the distinction between them, Frisia  
<sup>orbicular seeds</sup>  
& Staminei; & Buda 10 orbicular seeds  
(Fam. vol. ii. p. 507) according to his  
plans, he gives no specific names.  
Dumortier in his Flora Belgica,  
(1827) considers rightly enough,

that these genera should be combined  
& thus states his opinion (p. 110)

Buda, B. & Frisia, Adans.  
rubra = Arenaria, L.  
marina = arenaria L.  
media = Arenaria L.

I have had several talks with  
Mr. G. E. Brown, who is preparing an  
appendix to Lyne's English Botany,  
& he agrees with me, that as Dumortier  
first combined these two Adansonian  
genera, the name he retained  
should be adhered to. I therefore  
venture to submit the following  
scheme of generic synonymy

Buda, Adans. Fam. ii. 507 (1763)  
Frisia, Adans. l.c. (1763)  
Lepigonium, Fr. Fl. Gall. 76 (1818)  
Spergularia, J. & C. B. Presl, Fl.  
Cech. 76 (1819).

If you wish for any of these  
to be copied out verbatim, I